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Public Notice

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 23-17.14-18 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, an administrative review of the following plan will commence on 6 March 2013 and will conclude within 90 days:

The Westerly Hospital's plan to eliminate obstetric labor and delivery services at The Westerly Hospital:

<http://www.health.ri.gov/applications/submitted/healthsystems/request/WesterlyHospital.pdf>

The appropriate statutory and regulatory authority for this review are: Chapter 23-17.14-18 <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE23/23-17.14/23-17.14-18.HTM> and Section 10.0 of the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Hospital Conversions (R23-17.14-HCA) <http://sos.ri.gov/documents/archives/regdocs/released/pdf/DOH/4378.pdf>

Members of the public are welcome to comment on this matter by:

- Attending a public meeting on this matter in Westerly, Rhode Island on **Tuesday, March 19, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** at The Westerly Hospital, 25 Wells Street, Westerly, RI 02891, **AND/OR**
- Attending a public meeting on this matter in Providence, Rhode Island on **Wednesday, March 20, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** at the Department Operations Center (Lower Level) in the Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, **AND/OR**
- Submitting written comments via e-mail to: Valentina.Adamova@health.ri.gov by **20 March 2013.**

If you have any questions or for alternative methods of submitting comments, please call (401) 222-2788.

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